

**Family Update and Thanksgiving Fellowship is TONIGHT at 6:00.** We'll begin with praise and worship in the Worship Center and continue in the gym with food and fellowship. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate the Thanksgiving season together. No charge.

**TODAY is the deadline for Operation Christmas Child.** If you have wanted to participate but just haven't yet, you can still go to the kiosk in the walkway with the Christmas tree and pick up your box and brochure of instructions. Bring your filled box back to the kiosk by 7:00 this evening.

**Annual Angel Tree for Word of Christ Ministry** – Once again, you have the opportunity to bless a child and their family by giving a Christmas gift. You may choose a child from the Angel Tree binder at the Christmas tree kiosk in the education building walkway. Then follow the instructions on the child's wish list card. Wrapped gifts must be returned no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**In the spirit of giving....**Matthew 25 tells us how important it is to feed the hungry. Jesus says that when we show His love to others we are doing it for Him. So, to honor Him, we are asking individuals, classes, or groups to fill a food box (we provide the box) and return the items by December 14<sup>th</sup>. A detailed list of items needed will be on a kiosk in the walkway. It costs approximately \$50 to fill a box, so if you would rather donate the money, we'll shop for you.

**Christmas at Ridgecrest – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.** Join us for a wonderful morning featuring the music of the combined Ridgecrest Choirs with orchestra and special guests, Ballet Magnificat! The performance is free and childcare is provided, so bring family and friends to celebrate with us.

**STARs Annual Family Christmas Dinner Party will be December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:30pm in the gym.** We need volunteers to help serve dinner and help with games and crafts. If you are over the age of 14, you are needed. We'll have dinner with the families and then give parents a break to go Christmas shopping. We need Life Groups who will plan, set up and clean up a room for crafts, games and Christmas movies. For more information or to volunteer, contact Charlane Wall at 601.906.7651 or Beth Bennett at 601.278.0493. If you know of a family who may benefit from this STARs program, please contact Beth.

**20's & Single** - We meet together in a relaxed, informal setting seeking to be encouraged in our relationship with Christ and each other. We do this through sharing in God's word and our own lives. **Join us at 7:00pm for our Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.** For location and details, contact Charla Faries at cfaries@rcbc.org or 601.853.1090 x33 or Rebecca Davis at rdavis@rcbc.org or x65.

**Staff Anniversaries – Congratulations to Diann Robinson** who has served in the Children's Ministry and now as Resource Room Director for 10 years (11/15/04). She served an additional 6 years prior to that date in the Weekday Ministry and still serves in the After School Program. What a blessing you are to the children and families of Ridgecrest, Diann!

**Congratulations to Beth Bennett** who has also served at Ridgecrest for 10 years (11/22/04); currently serving in the ministry of Publications & Communications.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!** On Sunday evening, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, beginning in the Worship Center, we will be celebrating Bro. Phil's and Jody's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Ridgecrest (12/01/89). If you would be willing to bring food items for the reception in the gym, please sign up online at [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com). *Coordinator last name:* Ridgecrest Baptist Church and *Password:* rcbc.

**Poinsettias for Christmas** – Order your Poinsettias for Christmas at the kiosk across from the Coffee Corner until December 7<sup>th</sup>. The poinsettias will adorn the Worship Center during the Christmas season and support the many ministries of Faith InDeed Foundation. You may purchase them as gifts for family and friends and take them home in plenty of time for Christmas. The poinsettias are \$15.00 each or \$12.00 each for 3 or more.

**Weekly Opportunities: November 23 – November 29**

**Sunday:**    **7:30am** Men's Adventure (Rm 103)  
                  **9:00am** Life Groups  
                  **10:30am** Morning Worship  
                                  *What Jesus Thinks about Prayer*  
                  **6:00pm** Thanksgiving Celebration (Worship Center & Gym)

**Monday:**    **5:45pm** Precept (Rm 106)

**Tuesday:**   **9:00am** NO Ladies Bible Study  
                  **7:00pm** Metamorphosis (Chapel)

**Wednesday:** **NO ACTIVITIES AT THE CHURCH**

**Thursday & Friday:**   **Church offices will be closed**  
                                  **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

For details on activities, go to [www.ridgecrest.net](http://www.ridgecrest.net)